

boundary is effective until approved by the Executive Director of the State Board as being in compliance with this section.

(b) ~~The Executive Director of the State Board of Elections and the Legislative Services Office shall examine the maps of the proposed new or altered precincts and any required written descriptions. After its examination of the maps and their written descriptions, the Legislative Services Office shall submit to the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections its opinion as to whether all of the proposed precinct boundaries are in compliance with subsection (a) of this section, with notations as to where those boundaries do not comply with these standards.~~ If the Executive Director of the State Board determines that all precinct boundaries are in compliance with this section, the Executive Director of the State Board shall approve the maps and written descriptions as filed and these precincts shall be the official precincts.

(c) If the Executive Director of the State Board determines that the proposed precinct boundaries are not in compliance with subsection (a) of this section, the Executive Director shall not approve those precinct boundaries. The Executive Director shall notify the county board of elections of his disapproval specifying the reasons. The county board of elections may then resubmit new precinct maps and written descriptions to cure the reasons for their disapproval.

(d) Repealed by Session Laws 2004-127, s. 1(a), effective August 15, 2004, and applicable to precincts established or changed on or after that date.

~~(e) During the period beginning October 1, 2002, and ending August 15, 2004, no county board of elections may change any precinct boundary. However, a county that has a precinct line that does not follow a 2000 Census Block Boundary may change that precinct line to conform to the way that precinct is shown on the General Assembly's redistricting database, provided the total population of the area moved from one precinct to another is not greater than ten percent (10%) of the total population of either precinct. A county board of elections proposing a change to a precinct during this period shall submit that change to the Legislative Services Office, which shall examine the proposed change and give its opinion of its compliance with this subsection to the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. If the proposed change is in compliance with this subsection, the Executive Director shall approve it."~~

**SECTION 6.(c)** G.S. 163-132.5G reads as rewritten:

**"§ 163-132.5G. Voting data maintained by precinct-voting tabulation district.**

~~To the extent that it can do so without compromising the secrecy of an individual's ballot, each~~ Each county board of elections shall maintain voting data by precinct-voting tabulation district as provided in G.S. 163-132.1B so that precinct-voting tabulation district returns for each item on the ballot shall include the votes cast by all residents of the precinct-voting tabulation district who voted by provisional ballot and by absentee ballot, both mail and one stop, voted, regardless of where they voted. The county board shall not be required to report provisional and absentee voting data by precinct returns by voting tabulation district for voters who voted other than at their precinct voting place on election day until 60 days after the election. In reporting returns, the county board shall not compromise the secrecy of an individual's ballot. The 60-day deadline for reporting returns by voting tabulation district does not relieve the county board of the duty to report all returns as soon as practicable after the election according to other categories specified by the State Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections shall adopt rules for the enforcement of this section with the goal that all voting data shall be reported by precinct by the 2006 election section."

**SECTION 6.(d)** G.S. 163-165.7(a)(3) reads as rewritten: